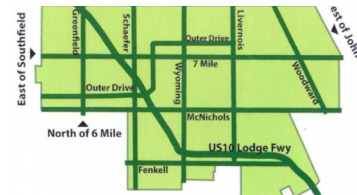


# NEWS FOR YOU FROM DISTRICT 2

FROM THE OFFICE OF COUNCILMEMBER PRO-TEM GEORGE CUSHINGBERRY JR.  
FALL 2016



Welcome to my official community newsletter. I hope that this newsletter will serve as another method of communicating with the people of District 2, City of Detroit and the State of Michigan. I am a true jobs, justice, peace, who is committed to improving the quality of life for Detroiters Democrat. I would like your support to continue this mission for the betterment of you.



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## Vote Early by Absentee at FIVE locations in Detroit until Nov 7th.

1. Wayne County CC East 5901 Conner Detroit MI 48213
2. Wayne County CC West 8200 W. Outer Drive Detroit 48219
3. Detroit Department of Elections 2978 W. Grand Blvd Detroit MI 48202
4. City Clerk's Office 2 Woodward Ave Detroit MI 48226
5. Latin Americans for Social and Economic Development 4130 W. Vernor Detroit MI 48209 [www.lasedinc.org](http://www.lasedinc.org)

Hours are From 8am to 4:45pm

\* You have until October 11, 2016 to register to vote in the November 8th Election . If you do not live in the City of Detroit, then you should go to your local City Clerk's office and get the job done.

## SAVE OUR DETROIT PUBLIC SCHOOLS

We deplore the recent court ruling allowing the Michigan Attorney General to shut down "failing schools" because the failure was caused by the Managers who were in charge of Detroit Public Schools Operations. Eight years of Emergency Management from Lansing has been a complete disaster to the extent that it give the word "management" a bad name. In order to correct this injustice, a court order filed on behalf of the Children of Detroit in US Federal Court in the Eastern District will put the brakes on any action taken by the State of Michigan.

This blatant disregard for the will of the people must be stopped by you the public in the ballot box. Start from the back of your ballot and vote for the Judges and Proposals FIRST! You are more likely to encounter a Judge 90% of the time versus the President of the United States. Don't screw it up and not participate because it will your fault if the wrong person gets elected to office.



## Emergency Number 911

DFD Coverage for District 2

Engine 44/Ladder 18  
35 W. 7 mile Road  
Detroit, MI 48203  
Engine 30/EMS Squad 4  
16543 Meyers  
Detroit, MI 48235  
Engine 40/Ladder 17/TMS Sq 5  
13939 Dexter Ave  
Detroit, MI 48238



[www.detroitmi.gov/Police](http://www.detroitmi.gov/Police)

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12th Pct.

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## Help Eliminate Auto Thefts

**HEAT®** (Help Eliminate Auto Thefts) is Michigan's statewide auto theft prevention program that coordinates citizen action with law enforcement agencies through a confidential, toll-free tip line **(1-800-242-HEAT)** for reporting information on stolen vehicles and suspected auto theft activities including insurance fraud and car-jackings.

**HEAT®** rewards citizens for information that leads to the arrest and prosecution of suspected of auto theft, related insurance fraud, related identity theft, ring members, chop shop operators.

[WWW.MIHEAT.ORG](http://WWW.MIHEAT.ORG)

# The Cost of Reopening Johnson Center - Starting from Ground Zero to Completion by 2018

By Richard C. Clement

Friends of George Cushingberry Jr.



Johnson Recreation Center was built in the 1930's on the corner of Cherrylawn and Chippewa in Detroit Michigan. The Center sits on Joe Louis Park that is maintained by the City of Detroit General Services Division. This historical structure was the only place that allowed African Americans to swim in the City of Detroit. This was an outdoor pool that was easily accessible to citizens in Northwest Detroit and Southern Oakland County. (Click Here for Park History). The pool was modified by building new construction around the current structure. Now citizens in the neighborhood are restless as this once great and historical structure sits empty and being used for a storage dump. Bringing Johnson Center online in its current condition will cost \$750,000 and the same amount per month to maintain. This is because of the plumbing and other code violations that are now out of compliance with today's building code and energy saving standards.

To demolish the old center will cost \$250,000 and, the proposed new center will have an 8 lane pool and diving board. Improvements like energy efficient, tank-less water heaters, motion sensors attached to lights and, self-generating power with solar cells with lower monthly operational costs. This plan includes an 8 lane Olympic sized pool with 3 and 10 meter diving boards at a cost of \$180 per square foot. Additionally a new Gym will contain rooms for boxing, arts, and community meetings.

This project will help to restore our neighborhood instead of Downtown/Midtown Detroit.

The procedure of demolishing the old and rebuilding the new will result in lower monthly maintenance costs that over time cost much less to maintain. To finance this project Councilmember Pro-Tem George Cushingberry Jr. is recommending that we approach the Department of Housing and Urban Development for up to \$20 million in funding and, seek grants from philanthropic organizations. Johnson Center may be eligible for historic status by the City and, that will give us access to more money for the

## Firefighters and Sheriffs in Michigan Benefit from Legal Marijuana Sales with Proposed New Legislation

By Richard C. Clement - Friends of Cushingberry

"Legislation will fund County Governments and Public Servants"

Michigan's effort to legalize marijuana by legislative procedure is going to benefit counties, substance abuse agencies, and local governments. The following package of bills passed by the Senate will create job opportunities for software vendors to bid on supplying the Marijuana Tracking System for all Cannabis business must have to continue to participate in the program. When it becomes operational, your card will be used to track the amount of marijuana each patient has purchased over time. You will be able to possess 2.5 ounces of usable marijuana at any time in the State of Michigan.

The major beneficiary of these set of bills is the State of Michigan's 1st Responder Presumed Coverage Fund from the proceeds of the Medical Marijuana Program. The next beneficiaries are the County Governments like Wayne County who will receive 35% of all revenue from Marijuana sales. Wayne County Sheriff Benny Napoleon and the 82 other county sheriffs will enjoy this cash cow on the backs of Marijuana users as soon as it becomes the law. Local governments will receive 25% of the proceeds from Marijuana for their use.

Cities like Detroit could use the money for things like rebuilding recreation centers and create green jobs in manufacturing and, education. Cities will also have the abilities to place caps on the number of businesses in their locality. Caps must be anti-discriminatory and be in compliance with Federal Zoning Laws.

The legislation places a 50 ounce limit for each Medical Marijuana Center with a valid license. Currently the City of Detroit Building Safety and Engineering Department (BSEED) is granting conditional waivers to new marijuana business owners on the grounds that the owner works to bring the location up to code. BSEED is very generous and confident that business

## Frequently Called City Numbers

Use this phone list on the right to access frequently called Departments with phone numbers for Prompt City Services.

### Online/Web Contacts

Government Data Sharing  
[www.data.detroitmi.gov](http://www.data.detroitmi.gov)

Citywide Property Link  
[www.motorcitymapping.org](http://www.motorcitymapping.org)

Bid for a Home in Detroit  
[www.buildingdetroit.org](http://www.buildingdetroit.org)

City Council business online  
[www.detroit.legistar.com](http://www.detroit.legistar.com)

Pay your Water Bill  
[www.detroitmi.gov/dwsd](http://www.detroitmi.gov/dwsd)

Listen Every Sat. from 2-3pm EDT to The Prospector Reveals Show with Hosts Dr. Jaqueline Duncan, Sheree McLaughlin and Pastor George Cushingberry Jr. on Radio Station 1440AM WKLM Detroit MI  
[www.1440wdjr.com](http://www.1440wdjr.com)

Livestream on Ustream.tv and Periscope

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The Northwest Unity  
Baptist Church  
8343 Ellsworth  
Pastor Oscar King

### Heat & Water Assistance

Northwest Activities Center  
Wayne Metropolitan  
Community Action Agency  
Providing help to low and moderate income individuals and families in Wayne County since 1971.  
[www.waynemetro.org](http://www.waynemetro.org)

### Interest Free Home Loans from The City of Detroit

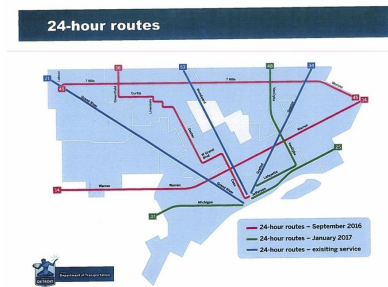
The Detroit 0% Home Repair Loans Program offers 0% interest loans from \$5,000 to \$25,000 to help Detroit homeowners invest in and repair their homes

For More Information please go to this website  
[www.detroitloans.org](http://www.detroitloans.org)

Area of Concern	Department or Agency	Telephone #
Abandoned/Dangerous Buildings	Building & Safety Engineering	(313) 224-3215
Arson	Detroit Fire Arson Unit	(313) 596-2940
Block Club Information	Neighborhood City Hall	(313) 224-2989
Broken Water Main	Water & Sewerage	(313) 267-7401
Building Code Violations	Building & Safety Engineering	(313) 224-2733
Complaints against a City Department	Office of the Ombudsman	(313) 224-6000
Complaints Debris & Weeds Parks	Recreation	(313) 578-7500
Consumer Complaint about a Business	Office of the Ombudsman	(313) 224-6000
Consumer Information	Office of the Ombudsman	(313) 224-6000
Contact City Council	City Council / Receptionist	(313) 224-3443
Dead Animals	Department of Public Works	(313) 224-4636
Solid Waste	Department of Public Works	(313) 876-0023
Dog Bites License / Stray Dogs	Health Dept. - Animal Control	(313) 224-7133
D-DOT Bus Schedules	Department of Transportation	(313) 933-1300
Detroit Zoo /Royal Oak	Detroit Zoological Institute	(248) 398-0900
Emergency / Police / Fire / Emergency		911
Emergency Services Water & Sewerage	Water & Sewerage	(313) 267-7401
Fire Community Relations	Detroit Fire	(313) 596-2957
Forestry		(313) 678-0900
Garage Collection & Special Pickups	Department of Public Works	(313) 224-3901
General Information	TIP / Information	(313) 833-4000
Health Issues and Questions	Health and Wellness	(313) 876-4000
Housing Commission		(313) 877-8807
Wayne Metro		(313) 388-9799
Illegal Drug Sales	Detroit Police	(313) 224-DOPE
Income Tax Information	Finance	(313) 224-3330
Library Public Information	Detroit Library Commission	(313) 833-1000
Mayors Office		(313) 224-3400
Neighborhood City Hall Info	City Hall Central	(313) 578-7550
Planning & Development in your area	Planning & Development	(313) 224-6380
Police General Information	Detroit Police	(313) 596-1751
Problems with Traffic Signals	Public Lighting Department	(313) 324-8290
Property Tax Information	Finance	(313) 224-3035
Public Lighting Complaints	Public Lighting Authority	(313) 324-8290
Purchase Vacant City Owned Lot	Land Bank	(313) 224-2569
Rats/ Rodents Public/ Commercial Units	Environmental	(313) 876-0974
Rats/ Rodents Outside Building	Environmental	(313) 876-0974
Recreation Department.		(313) 224-1100
Request Additional Lights	Public Lighting Authority	(313) 324-8290
Request Sidewalk Inspection or Repair	City Engineering	(313) 224-4636
Request Street Repairs	Department of Public Works	(313) 224-0033
Shut-Off Water Services	Water & Sewerage	(313) 267-8000
Snow Removal & Street Cleaning	Department of Public Works	(313) 224-3901
Street Lights Out	Public Lighting Authority	(313) 324-8290
Suicide Prevention Center		(313) 224-7000
Telephone Crime Reporting	Detroit Police	(313) 267-4600
Traffic Signal Out, Wire Down	Public Lighting Department	(313) 267-4100
Trees: Trimming, Removal and Stumps	Recreation / Forestry	(313) 628-0900
Unemployment and Job Search Info.	Mich. Employment Security Comm	(313) 876-5000
U.S. Marshall Office		(313) 234-5600
Voter Information	Elections	(313) 876-0190
Water & Sewerage Billing Information	Water & Sewerage Billing	(313) 267-8000
Wayne County Prosecutor		(313) 224-5777
Wayne County Sheriff		(313) 224-2222
Weed & Debris Removal	Department of Public Works	(313) 224-4636
36th District Court Information		(313) 965-2200

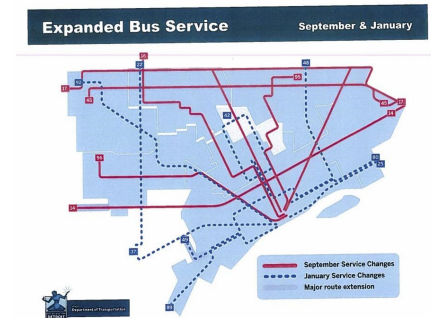


## Expanded Bus Service Improves Neighborhood Access to Goods and Services



The Detroit Department of Transportation unveiled a series of expansions to its bus service that should add 1,500 trips per week. DDOT plans on hiring 80 new drivers and 20 new busses in the upcoming months. The city says it will also add five new express routes

that will cut down on wait time to the downtown and midtown business centers. “In January we added 24-hour service on three routes: Grand River, Gratiot and Woodward,” said Mayor Mike Duggan. “This month, we are adding three more and in January three more, so we’ll have 24-hour service on nine bus routes covering all areas of the city.” According to Duggan and DDOT Director Dan Dirks, it’s the largest expansion of the bus system in 20 years. The city is also experimenting with a new service that will give neighborhoods better access to fresh produce with trips to Eastern Market and back on Saturdays.



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